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Congress and three Secretaries of the Interior - serving  
under three different Presidents - have recognized the  
importance of wildlife habitats around Teshekpuk Lake.

Wildlife and Oil Development on Teshekpuk Lake

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In a period of 22 years -- 1976 to 1998 these Secretaries of  
the Interior recognized the value of wildlife surroundings.  
How much consideration was the preserve allowed? It can no  
longer be preserving the land intact only for a posterity --  
it must have a permanent protection.

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There are two extreme areas of the world land mass -- the Arctic  
and the Antarctic. To preserve a balance and maintain a world  
mass more or less intact, their origin was cold -- ice and snow --  
nature's Law devising the seasons seemingly imposing a length of  
time and breadth of the melting process.

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Why are "exploring" parties allowed to venture with their cutters  
(boats) through huge and deep ice masses, the heat of their motors  
melting ice into chunks that only melt faster?  
Would they that the ice and snow melt faster? What positive accom-  
plishment do they hope to gain? Does their information promote  
more heat-producing oil rigs equipment scattering wildlife and re-  
stricting the livelihood of natives accustomed to their way of life?

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So the oil produced is to go in substance to peoples clustered together, many in frivolous pursuits, joy-ridden, caring little for the destruction caused on the pristine growth and stability which is scarcely now regarded as a "native land".

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There are countries willing and waiting to provide their own livelihood by being in the business of producing and selling oil that (to my way of thinking) would spare an ecology in the Arctic Circle.

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Preference

My request:

Will you close this area to further exploitation that we persons who have the will to define ourselves as Native and Citizen Americans may exist more fittingly in peaceful purpose?

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